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Ser 107/DON-NAVY-2016-008697

March 7, 2017

Genevieve Cushman
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Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST DON-NAVY-2016-008697

Dear Ms. Cushman:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of DON-NAVY-2016-008697, in which you requested all emails (including attachments) sent to, or received by, the six individuals listed below between the dates of March 1, 2016 and August 1, 2016, that contain the word "Cushman". Eric C. Niemann, Dwin Crow, Thell Rooney, Douglas W. Huffman, Tamara D. Wood, Peter J. McConnell. To expedite this process, you have modified the scope of your request to exclude emails that were sent to and from yourself.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted and approximately 3,400 potentially responsive emails were located. So far, of the 3,400 emails, we have reviewed approximately 765 emails. At this time, I have determined that 201 emails are appropriate for release. The unreleaseable emails are exempt under FOIA Exemption (b)(5). Exemption (b)(5) protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency", including attorney-client privilege. Enclosed in the CD is our first batch of documents released to you.

There are still approximately 2,600 emails remaining that may or may not be responsive. The search time is charged at the rate of \$48 per hour for professional personnel. Accordingly, we estimate the cost for completing search and review would be more than \$1,920 for about 40 man hours, which far exceeds the first two free hours and your \$250 limit, in which we have already waived for this first batch. Please let us know how you would like to proceed forward. If we do not hear from you in 14 days, we will close this request as complete.

If you are not satisfied with our response, you have the right to file an appeal. If you decide to file an appeal, it must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000.

In addition you may also seek dispute resolution services from the DoD Component FOIA Public Liaison or the office of Government Information Services (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>).

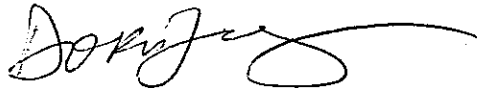
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If you have any questions or concerns regarding your request, please call me at (360) 476-6597.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doris Jeong', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

DORIS JEONG
Paralegal Specialist